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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Idaho Aviation Foundation

Project No. 10721-031

Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-  
Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Procedures.
- b. Project No.: 10721-031
- c. Date Filed: February 28, 2017
- d. Submitted By: Idaho Aviation Foundation (Idaho Aviation)
- e. Name of Project: Big Creek Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On McCorkle Creek, in Valley County, Idaho near the town of Yellow Pine. The project is located entirely within the Payette National Forest.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Vic Jaro, Board Member, Idaho Aviation Foundation, P.O. Box 2016, Eagle, Idaho 83616; 208-404-9627; email [vjaro@filertel.com](mailto:vjaro@filertel.com).
- i. Contact: Suzanne Novak at (202) 502-6665; or e-mail at [suzanne.novak@ferc.gov](mailto:suzanne.novak@ferc.gov).
- j. Idaho Aviation filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 28, 2017. Idaho Aviation provided public notice of its request on March 7, 2017. In a letter dated April 6, 2017, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved AEL&P's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, part 402; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920; and (c) the Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical

Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

- l. With this notice, we are designating Idaho Aviation as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, section 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- m. Idaho Aviation filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.
- o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 10721-031. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by February 28, 2020.
- p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: April 6, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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